

**Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council**  
**General Meeting**  
**Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration**  
**Room 739**  
**Minutes of April 21, 2015 Meeting**

1. **Call to Order by – Michele L. Daniels**  
The meeting was called to order at 12:12 p.m.
2. **Minutes Approval for March 17, 2015**  
Minutes of March 17, 2015 were approved with one correction
3. **Announcements**
  - Christie Turek – A Window Between Worlds Art in the Afternoon fundraiser, May 2, 2015 (cards with information were provided)
  - Rick Kenworthy – ABIP meeting May 15, 2015 at Denny's Restaurant, 3060 San Fernando Rd, LA, 90065
4. **Project Highlights:**  
Gail Pincus, Executive Director, Domestic Abuse Center
5. **Speaker:** Vivian Ayala, MSW Children Services Administrator I – Department of Children & Family Services, Parents in Partnership Program Coordinator – Team (*Ebony Armstrong, Amber Rose, Rico*)
  - Parents in Partnership program in collaboration with DCFS was designed to help support, educate and empower parents in their efforts to successfully navigate the DCFS system
6. **Executive Board Report – Michele L. Daniels**
  - The DVC Executive Board met on April 9, 2015
  - Betty Fisher Award & Recognition Certificates nomination forms will be mailed out in May, 2015. Now is a time to nominate someone you know who has been doing a great job in community outreach services for these prestigious awards
7. **Committee and Task Force Reports as needed –**  
Written reports submitted by Committee Co-Chairs  
  
**Legislative Issues – Michael Gargiulo, Co-Chair**  
Written report submitted
  - The Legislative Committee met for April 2, 2015
  - Next meeting May 7, 2015  
**Committee on System's Improvement – Rachelle Neshkes, Co-Chair**  
No written report submitted
  - CSI met on April 9, 2015.
  - Deputy with Suzie Ferrell attended the CSI meeting to discuss areas of opportunities in improving systems with the Sheriff's Department
  - Next meeting May 14, 2015

**LGBT Issues** – Mieke Failey, *Co-Chair*

Written report submitted

- The LGBT Committee met on March 10, 2015
- The Committee discussed recent transgender murder case, and will be working on putting together a training for transgender survivors
- Next meeting May 12, 2015

**Religion & DV Issues** – Bernita Walker, *Co-Chair*

No written report submitted

- The Committee met on March 24, 2015
- The date for the DV & Religion Training will be on September 2, 2015 at The California Endowment Center, \$20 in advance, \$25 by deadline date
- Committee members will contact religion leaders regarding the training
- Next meeting April 28, 2015

**Immigration Committee** – Monica Kane, *Co-Chair*

No written report submitted

- The committee met this morning, April 21, 2015
- The Safety Plan Pamphlet will be translated into Armenian, by the Institute of Multicultural Counseling and Education (IMCES) and Korean language translation is being considered by the Center for Pacific Asian Family
- Discussed possible speaker for General Meeting in June
- Next meeting May 19, 2015

**Male Victims/Survivors Task Force** – *Co-Chair, Stanley Green, NOT Present*

No written report submitted

- The April 21, 2015 Task Force meeting was cancelled by the Co-Chairs
- Next meeting May 19, 2015

**Shelter Director's Committee** – *Co-Chair – TuLynn Smylie*

No written report submitted

- The Shelter Directors met today April 21, 2015
- Updates on two training opportunities
- Change in shelter staff and challenges in providing services to victims

8. **Public Comments: Not to exceed two minute per person - NONE**

9. **Matters not on the Posted Agenda to be presented and placed on a future Agenda - NONE**

10. **Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.**

Submitted by:

Olivia G. Rodriguez  
Executive Director  
Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council

5/19/2015  
Date Approved

GM Minutes for April 21, 2015

## **MEMBERS PRESENT April 21, 2015**

### **Public Members**

LA Mayor's Office  
West Covina Police Department  
LA County District Attorney's Office  
LA County Probation Department  
LA County Public Health  
LA County Public Social Services  
LA Police Department

Ebony Cobb, Christine Jerian, C. Perez  
Diane Franklin  
Michele Daniels, Mike. Gargiulo, L. Heher  
Kristine Kucharik  
Adarsh Almalvez  
Lola Nevarez  
Kosal Bun

### **Private Members**

1736 Family Crisis Center  
Antelope Valley DVC/.Valley Oasis  
Center for the Pacific Asian Family (*CALWORKS*)  
Haven Hills  
Haven House  
House of Ruth (*CALWORKS*)  
Jewish Family Service/Fam. Violence  
Project Peacemakers  
Rainbow Services (*CALWORKS*)  
Sojourn  
Women & Children's Crisis Shelter  
Women Shelter of Long Beach  
YWCA Glendale

Lirio Vasquez  
Carol Crabson  
TuLynn Smylie  
Katie Tyler  
Josefina Vaquera  
Kimberly Mason  
Sharon Reiner  
Bernita Walker  
Judy Gordon  
Pat Butler  
Brenda Zambrano  
Giovana Martinez  
Talin Melkonian, Ani Seuylemenin

### **CalWorks**

Amanecer  
Community Legal Services  
Domestic Abuse Center  
East Los Angeles Women's Center  
Foothill Family Service  
Human Services Association  
Institute of Muticultural Ed. & Couns.  
LA Center for Law & Justice  
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles  
Office of Samoan Affairs  
PROTOTYPES  
San Fernando Valley CMHC  
Bienvenidos

Elizabeth Sanchez  
Rachelle M. Neshkes  
Gail Pincus  
Debbie Suaste-Servin  
Mariela Rivera  
Silvana Ortega  
A. Zamani, E.Der. Hacepian, D. Chavez  
Lazano Cuevas  
Mercedes Alanis  
Patricia Irahetz  
Amanda Jancu  
Giselle Hulbert  
Fabiola Rocha-Landeros

### **Guests Present**

ABIP	Rick Kenworthy
Asian Americans Advancing Justice	Faith Santoto
Asian Pacific Women Center	Ernest Tamayo
LA County DA's Office Witness Assist. Program	Shari Farmer
A Window Between Worlds	Christy Turek
Westside Center for Independent Living	Garra Fisher
LA County Community Development Commission	Teresa Zavala
First to Serve	R. Reed, S. Velasquez, S. Thomas, A. H.
Parents in Partnership (DCFS)	Viviana Ayala
Creative Interventions	Mimi Kim
Law Offices of Monica Kane	Monica Kane
Children's Hospital Los Angeles	Mayuri Ganupuru
Children's Institute, Inc.	Evelyn Castillo
Valley Women's Center	Jen Ortiz
Little Tokyo Service Center	Vivian Lee
LAHSA	Sylvia Williams
OPCC	Mayerly Vanegas
South Asian Helping & Referral Agency (SAHARA)	Dora Jacildo
Child Alliance	Lucita Gil
Harriett Buhai for Family Law	Karina Estrella

### **ABSENT MEMBERS**

#### **Public Members**

Attorney General's Office	LA County's Sheriff's Department
Department of Children & Family Serv.	LA County Public Defender's
LA City Attorney's Office	Superior Court Family Court Svs.
L.A. County Commission for Women	LA City Commission on the Status of Wm
California Department of Corrections	Department of Mental Health
Department of Health Services	

#### **Private Voting Members**

Interval House (CALWORK)	Angel Step Inn
Santa Clarita Domestic Violence Center	Jenesse Center (CALWORK)
Su Casa-Ending Domestic Violence	Chicana Service Action Center, Inc.
YWCA WINGS	

#### **CalWorks**

NCADD Long Beach Women To Women	Helping Youth Counseling
Neighborhood Legal Services of LA County	